



State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services

**Administrative Policies and Procedures: 20.44-DOE**

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**Subject: Standard Medical Operating Procedures**

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**ACA Standard:**

None

I. APPLICATION: All Youth Development Centers

II. POLICY: It will be the policy of the Department of Children's Services that there will be written standard operating procedures, approved by the responsible physician, relative to all phases of medical and dental services provided by the Department.

Treatment by medical personnel other than a physician will be performed pursuant to written standard operating procedures or direct orders.

Notwithstanding the written standard operating procedures, certified physician's assistants or nurse practitioners may practice within the limits of their certification providing that such practices are consistent with state law and authorized by responsible physicians.

Written standard operating procedures will be reviewed at least every six (6) months by the responsible physician and a written memorandum of this review will be sent to the Department's Director of Medical Services.

III. PROCEDURES: None

IV. FORMS: None

**(Note: This Policy Cannot Be Revised Without Prior Permission of Chancery Court, Davidson County, Nashville, Tennessee.)**